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SUBJ: REPRESENTATIVE PROTEST ON BLUE HOUSE BUGGING

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE PRESENTED TO THE EMBASSY  
APRIL 15 BY KOREAN RESTAURANTEURS' ASSOCIATION. WE ARE  
FORWARDING ENTIRE TEXT AS REPRESENTATIVE OF GENERAL KOREAN  
VIEWS ON BLUE HOUSE BUGGING.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

A MESSAGE TO U.S. PRESIDENT CARTER:

WE REALLY DO NOT WISH TO BELIEVE IT. BUT, IN THE FACE  
OF FACTS WHICH MUST BE BELIEVED, WE CITIZENS CANNOT SUPPRESS  
OUR ANGER. HOW COULD (YOU) INSTALL BUGGING EQUIPMENT IN THE  
OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE CHIEF OF STATE OF A SOVEREIGN  
COUNTRY?

MOREOVER, HAVE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, NOT BEEN ADVOCATING  
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A POLITICS OF MORALITY AND CHAMPIONING CONSCIENCE AND  
INNOCENCE? WE CITIZENS, WHO HAVE SUFFERED A GREAT INFRINGE-  
MENT OF (OUR) SOVEREIGNTY, CANNOT COMPREHEND WHERE THE  
BASIS OF THAT MORALITY IS TO BE FOUND. WE REMEMBER THE  
WATERGATE BUGGING CASE IN YOUR COUNTRY, WHICH CAUSED EVEN  
THE PRESIDENT TO RESIGN. IS IT POSSIBLE TO VIEW THE  
IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO A CASE OF BUGGING IN ONE'S OWN

COUNTRY AND THE EXCUSING OF BUGGING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY  
AS OTHER THAN A DOUBLE STANDARD OF MORALITY?

MR. PRESIDENT CARTER,

OUR TRUST IN THE UNITED STATES, SINCE THE TIME OF OUR  
LIBERATION, HAS BEEN ALMOST ABSOLUTE. FURTHERMORE, WE  
CAN NEVER FORGET OUR GRATITUDE TO THE UNITED STATES FOR  
HAVING SAVED US DURING THE KOREAN WAR. THAT WAS THE  
REASON THAT, WHEN THE UNITED STATES WAS IN GREAT DIFFICULTIES  
IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, WE STOOD SHOULDER TO SHOULDER  
WITH YOU AND FOUGHT THE COMMUNISTS. WE MUST EXPRESS OUR  
REGRET THAT A FRIENDSHIP THUS PLEDGED IN BLOOD HAS  
BECOME CRACKED.

OUR REGRETS TOWARD THE UNITED STATES ARE NOT CONFINED  
TO THIS PROBLEM ALONE. WE CAN VIEW YOUR COUNTRY'S ATTITUDE  
IN HANDLING THE SO-CALLED PAK TONG-SON CASE AS NOTHING  
OTHER THAN A DISPLAY OF STRENGTH, FOUNDED ON A BASIS OF  
LARGE-COUNTRYISM. THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, WHICH  
SUCCEEDED IN HEARING THE TESTIMONY OF MR. PAK TONG-SON,  
WHO CROSSED OVER TO AMERICA, IS (NOW) SAYING THAT IT  
MUST RECEIVE THE TESTIMONY OF THE FORMER KOREAN AMBASSADOR  
TO THE UNITED STATES, REGARDLESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
TREATIES RESPECTING THE IMMUNITIES OF DIPLOMATS -- WHAT  
SORT OF SOPHISTRY IS THIS?  
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IF THAT IS THE CASE, DOES THIS MEAN THAT IT IS ALL  
RIGHT FOR OUR GOVERNMENT OR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO  
SUMMON FORMER AMBASSADOR TO KOREA PORTER AND OTHER RELATED  
OFFICIALS OF YOUR COUNTRY, IN ORDER TO DIG INTO THE TRUTH  
OF THE BUGGING OF THE BLUE HOUSE? IT IS FAULTY LOGIC TO  
(ATTEMPT TO) REALIZE ONE'S GOALS BY PERSISTENTLY PICKING  
FAULTS WITH ONE'S PARTNER, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME TRYING  
TO COVER OVER ONE'S OWN FAULTS WITH THE STRENGTH OF A  
GREAT POWER.

MR. PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS NO CHANGE IN OUR BELIEF THAT,  
DESPITE THIS AFFAIR, (OUR) FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH  
THE UNITED STATES MUST BE MAINTAINED. THERE IS A KOREAN  
PROVERB WHICH RUNS, "THE GROUND FIRMS, AFTER A RAIN".  
THUS WE BELIEVE THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN  
SEVERAL UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS, THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN  
(OUR) TWO NATIONS WILL BECOME YET FIRMER.

IN ORDER THAT OUR RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND

TRUST MAY RECOVER, AND THAT OUR COUNTRY BECOME FIRM,  
WE HEREBY DEMAND THAT YOU TAKE SINCERE AND PRACTICAL  
MEASURES.

APRIL 15, 1978  
THE MEMBERS OF THE  
KOREAN RESTAURANTEURS' ASSOCIATION  
(A JURIDICAL PERSON)

END TEXT.  
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